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Big Bend National Park Annual Visitation, 1944-2005

Big Bend has long been considered one of the most remote and least visited of the national parks in the continental United States. Established during World War Two, travel to the park was initially limited both by gas rationing and limited facilities.

In modern years visitation is busiest from November through April, with March generally being the busiest month.

Year	Visitors	Year	Visitors	Year	Visitors
1944	1,409	1970	172,600	1990	257,378
1945	3,205	1971	205,000	1991	296,470
1946	10,037	1972	240,904	1992	294,535
1947	28,652	1973	283,300	1993	327,907
1948	45,670	1974	158,700	1994	330,417
1949	62,150	1975	275,500	1995	295,460
		1976	378,600	1996	279,454
1950	70,325	1977	334,000	1997	305,882
1951	84,051	1978	301,198	1998	338,442
1952	94,367	1979	282,941	1999	327,649
1953	86,635				
1954	67,300	1980	174,008	2000	262,320
1955	81,000	1981	167,332	2001	328,927
1956	89,700	1982	180,144	2002	327,747
1957	75,000	1983	164,926	2003	312,384
1958	72,600	1984	167,665	2004	357,723
1959	70,400	1985	188,045	2005	400,947
		1986	200,622		
1960	75,900	1987	227,921		
1961	90,600	1988	239,595		
1962	91,000	1989	281,728		
1963	114,200				
1964	119,700				
1965	174,600				
1966	163,500				
1967	173,300				
1968	191,800				
1969	199,800				

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